# DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS MURPHY

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## 1.THOMAS MURPHY

Traditional family history says that Thomas Murphy was born in Ireland and came to America as a stowaway at age 12. The 1860 Gilmer County census lists Thomas and lists his place of birth as Harrison County VA. Thomas could well have been born in Ireland; census workers made errors and people often misrepresented facts to the census takers for reasons of their own.

Thomas was reported as 29 years of age in 1860, indicating that he was born about 1831. He married Fatima Fisher in Gilmer County VA (WV) September 16, 1852 Fatima was born in Lewis County Va (WV) September 18, 1821. Thomas enlisted in Co F 19th VA Cavalry (CSA) in Pocahontas County VA March 9, 1863 and was killed in the Civil War.

Children of Thomas and Fatima (Fisher) Murphy.

2. (1). Mary Elizabeth b.c. 1855
m.Andrew Newton Posey Aug 12 1875

3. (2). Eliza E. b.c. 1856
m.Alpha J. Posey Oct 23 1873

4. (3). Rebecca J. b.May 19 1856
m.James Wilfong May 1 1878

5. (4). Sarah M. b.Aug 7 1857
m.Roswell G. Hewitt Mar 8 1882

6. (5). James William b.Jan 15 1859 d. Aug 8 1909
m.Hester Ann Alltop Dec 28 1882

7. (6). Francis Marion b.Mar 1 1860

8. (7). Martha Matilda b.Mar 1 1863 d.Nov 26 1930
m.Roswell Manuel Keith Nov 24 1881

## 6.JAMES WILLIAM MURPHY 1.THOMAS MURPHY

James William Murphy, a son of Thomas and Fatima (Fisher) Murphy, was born in Gilmer County VA (WV) January 15, 1859 and died there August 8, 1909. He married Hester Ann Alltop in Gilmer County December 28, 1882. Hester, a daughter of Lewis Alphius and Sarah Ann (Norman) Alltop, was born May 7, 1859.

Children of James William and Hester Ann (Alltop) Murphy.

9. (1). Addie Velorie b.Oct 19 1883 d.Jul 5 1904
m.John Wright Jan 19 1902

10. (2). Porter Riley b.Apr 8 1885 d.Jun 3 1984
m.Josie Leona Furr Aug 22 1904

11. (3). Ruthy Ellen b.May 4 1888 d.Oct 19 1902

12. (4). Ira Hamilton b.May 14 1892
m.Jessie Ola Kelley Oct 2 1920

13. (5). Earl Powell b.Oct 2 1895 d.Apr 16 1973
m.Mamie Wright May 29 1918

14. (6). Rhoda Ann b.Feb 18 1898 d.Mar 24 1958
m.Jesse Raymond Pritt Mar 19 1924

15. (7). Thomas Lewis b.Jan 24 1902 d.Mar 8 1979
m.Lessie Ellen Groves May 9 1926

## 8.MARTHA MATILDA MURPHY 1.THOMAS MURPHY

Martha Matilda Murphy, a daughter of Thomas and Fatima (Fisher) Murphy, was born in Gilmer County March 1, 1863 and died in Roane County Wv November 26, 1930. She married Roswell Manuel Keith November 24, 1881. Roswell, a son of William Warren and Mary Jane (Messenger) Keith, was born in Gilmer County VA (WV) October 8, 1856 and died in Calhoun County WV January 25, 1947.

Children of Roswell Manuel and Martha Matilda (Murphy) Keith.

16. (1). Arthur Arnold b.Oct 29 1882 d.Mar 15 1926

17. (2). Grover Lee b.Mar 5 1885 d.Oct 3 1885

18. (3). James Burton b.Mar 10 1886 d.Jul 20 1906

19. (4). Gilbert Moore b.May 15 1886 d.Feb 28 1933

20. (5). Jesse Warren b.Apr 14 1892 d.Aug 19 1968

21. (6). Flora Emily b.Mar 4 1895 d.Mar 30 1985

22. (7). Francis Edward b.Apr 16 1899 d.May 21 1979

10.PORTER RILEY MURPHY 6.JAMES WILLIAM MURPHY 1.THOMAS MURPHY

Porter Riley Murphy, a son of James William and Hester Ann (Alltop) Murphy, was born in Gilmer County WV April 8, 1885 and died June 3 1984. He married Josie Leona Furr August 22, 1904. Josie, a daughter of Floyd and Mary Ellen (Miller) Furr, was born in Gilmer County October 18, 1885 and died in January 1977.

Children of Porter Riley and Josie Leona (Furr) Murphy.

23. (1). Edna Noreen b. Jul 21 1908 d. Dec 15 2005
m. Everett William Zerbest Sep 17 1946

24. (2). Mary Ann
m.----- Yeager

25. (3). Kathleen
m.----- Schultz

12.IRA HAMILTON MURPHY 6.JAMES WILLIAM MURPHY 1.THOMAS MURPHY

Ira Hamilton Murphy, a son of James William and Hester Ann (Alltop) Murphy, was born in Gilmer County WV May 14, 1892 and died April 12, 1985. He marred Jessie Ola Kelley October 2, 1920. Jessie, a daughter of David M. Kelley, was born in WV in 1894.

Children of Ira Hamilton and Jessie Ola (Kelley) Murphy.

26. (1). Jack David b.Aug 4 1923 d.Aug 8 1926

27. (2). Robert Dean b.Jan 7 1927 d.Jul 18 1985

28. (3). Esther Alice b.Dec 25 1928

29. (4). Thomas b.Dec 23 1931 d.Oct 1 1979

30. (5). Richard Gerald b.Apr 6 1933
m.Marian Huber Dec 21 1956

13.EARL POWELL MURPHY 6.JAMES WILLIAM MURPHY 1.THOMAS MURPHY

Earl Powell Murphy, a son of James William and Hester Ann (Alltop) Murphy, was born in gilmer County WV October 2, 1895 and died April 16, 1973. He married Mamie Wright May 29, 1918. Mamie was born January 28, 1896 and died December 5, 1970.

Children of Earl Powell and Mamie (Wright) Murphy.

31. (1). James Marion b.Apr 21 1920 d.Jul 6 1963
m.Clora Velma Taylor Jun 29 1941

32. (2). Geraldine Lucille b.Mar 24 1926
m.Claudius Vernon Taylor Nov 5 1945

33. (3). Anna Jean b.Jul 10 1933
m.Leeman Jackson Allen Aug 4 1954

15.THOMAS LEWIS MURPHY 6.JAMES WILLIAM MURPHY 1.THOMAS MURPHY

Thomas Lewis Murphy, a son of James William and Hester Ann (Alltop) Murphy, was born January 24, 1902 and died March 8, 1979. He married Lessie Ellen Groves May 9, 1926. Lessie was born in WV about 1906.

Children of Thomas Lewis and Lessie Ellen (Groves) Murphy.

34. (1). Maxine Reutishney b. Jul 1 1928 d. Apr 16 2012
m. James Burton "Bud" Spaur Sep 3 1948

35. (2). Donald

23.EDNA NOREEN MURPHY 10.PORTER RILEY MURPHY 6.JAMES WILLIAM MURPHY 1.THOMAS MURPHY

Edna Noreen Murphy, a daughter of Porter Riley and Josie Leona (Furr) Murphy, was born in Gilmer county WV July 21, 1908 and died in Harrison County WV December 15, 2005. She married Everett William Zerbest September 17, 1946. Everett died March 20, 1984.

Child of Everett William and Edna Noreen (Murphy) Zerbest.

36. (1). Margaret Kathleen b. Mar 12 1953
m. William A. Waldeck

30.RICHARD GERALD MURPHY 12.IRA HAMILTON MURPHY 6.JAMES WILLIAM MURPHY 1.THOMAS MURPHY

Richard Gerald Murphy, a son of Ira Hamilton and Jessie Ola (Kelley) Murphy, was born April 6, 1933. He married Marian Huber December 21, 1956.

Children of Richard Gerald and Marian (Huber) Murphy.

37. (1). Rebecca Kay

38. (2). Brian Kelley

39. (3). David Keith

31.JAMES MARION MURPHY 13.EARL POWELL MURPHY 6.JAMES WILLIAM MURPHY 1.THOMAS MURPHY

James Marion Murphy, a son of Earl Powell and Mamie (Wright) Murphy, was born April 20, 1920 and died July 3, 1963. He married Clora Velma Taylor June 29, 1941.

James entered the US Army from May 13, 1944. He was captured by the Germans in France September 4, 1944 and was a Prisoner of War until April 1945.

Children of James Marion and Clora Velma (Taylor) Murphy.

40. (1). James Ahart b.Feb 4 1942
m.Joan Hartley Jun 12 1971

41. (2). Judith Arlene b.Mar 20 1946
m.Haynes B. Huddleston Jun 15 1968

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